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For: VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS	)	
DEVICE	)	

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated July 7, 2006, the period for reply has been extended to January 7, 2007 by a request for extension of time (3 months) and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Further, a Request for Continued Examination and fee payment are filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

**One Attachment** including a certified English translation of French Patent No.

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